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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Mr. Daniel C. Snyder
Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.
941 Lawrence Street
Eugene, OR 97401

Re: The Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2013-009479

Dear Mr. Snyder:

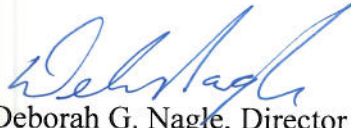
This letter is a partial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 28, 2013, in which you requested the following information:

All records related to an agreement between the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)] and American Farm Bureau Federation wherein EPA agreed not to produce to any FOIA requester information that is the subject matter of the pending litigation (civil action number 0:13-cv-01751-RHK-TNL), as well as all records related to any EPA directive, rule, policy, agreement, stipulation or order directing or requesting EPA personnel to redact or withhold records responsive to a properly made FOIA request because of, or by virtue of, the pending litigation.

This letter, accompanied by the enclosed records, constitutes an interim response and is the first production of records responsive to your request. You will receive appeal rights in EPA's final response to your FOIA request, which will be completed by December 15, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact George Utting at (202) 564-0744. In addition, you may contact the EPA FOIA Public Liaison, Deborah Williams, at (202) 566-1659 or williams.deborah@epa.gov, to assist with this matter. Thank you for your patience while we continue to process your request.

Sincerely,


Deborah G. Nagle, Director
Water Permits Division

Enclosures (7)



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Bridget Huber
Fairwarning
330 1/2 Panoramic Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-004128

Dear Ms. Huber:

On July 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") received a complaint and a request for a temporary restraining order regarding the information you requested in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. In deference to the court who now has before it an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the release of such information, the Agency is providing you with an interim response to your FOIA request by notifying you that the Agency will defer its response to your request until the merits of the complaint are decided by the court. Throughout the litigation, the EPA will continue to provide you with periodic updates on the status of your request. Once this litigation is resolved, the Agency will promptly respond to your FOIA request and provide you with your final administrative appeal rights.

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If you have any questions, please contact Quoc Nguyen at (202) 564-6343.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Sawyers
Office Director,
Office of Wastewater Management



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Chris Clayton
DTN/The Progressive Farmer
9110 W. Dodge Road, Suite 300
Omaha, NE 68112

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-006604

Dear Mr. Clayton:

On July 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") received a complaint and a request for a temporary restraining order regarding the information you requested in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. In deference to the court who now has before it an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the release of such information, the Agency is providing you with an interim response to your FOIA request by notifying you that the Agency will defer its response to your request until the merits of the complaint are decided by the court. Throughout the litigation, the EPA will continue to provide you with periodic updates on the status of your request. Once this litigation is resolved, the Agency will promptly respond to your FOIA request and provide you with your final administrative appeal rights.

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Wei Zhang
510 E. Street
Davis, CA 95616

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-004097

Dear Ms. Zhang:

On July 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") received a complaint and a request for a temporary restraining order regarding the information you requested in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. In deference to the court who now has before it an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the release of such information, the Agency is providing you with an interim response to your FOIA request by notifying you that the Agency will defer its response to your request until the merits of the complaint are decided by the court. Throughout the litigation, the EPA will continue to provide you with periodic updates on the status of your request. Once this litigation is resolved, the Agency will promptly respond to your FOIA request and provide you with your final administrative appeal rights.

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CJ Ciaramella
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 5999
P.O. Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-007430

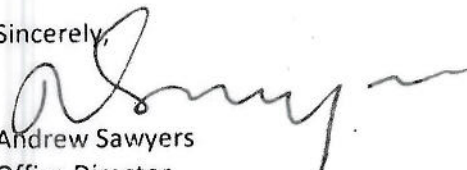
Dear CJ Ciaramella:

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John L. Montandon
DairyBusiness Communications
6437 Collamer Road
E Syracuse, NY 13057

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-006737

Dear Mr. Montandon:

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Mike Smith
Truth in Food.com
24195 W 63rd Street
Shawnee, KS 66226

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-006913

Dear Mr. Smith:

On July 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") received a complaint and a request for a temporary restraining order regarding the information you requested in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. In deference to the court who now has before it an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the release of such information, the Agency is providing you with an interim response to your FOIA request by notifying you that the Agency will defer its response to your request until the merits of the complaint are decided by the court. Throughout the litigation, the EPA will continue to provide you with periodic updates on the status of your request. Once this litigation is resolved, the Agency will promptly respond to your FOIA request and provide you with your final administrative appeal rights.

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AUG 14 2013

Food & Water Watch
Attn: Michele Merkel
1616 P St. NW, Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2013-008906

Dear Ms. Merkel:

On July 5, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") received a complaint regarding the information you requested in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. In deference to the court who now has before it an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the release of such information, the Agency is providing you with an interim response to your FOIA request by notifying you that the Agency will defer its response to your request until the merits of the complaint are decided by the court. Throughout the litigation, the EPA will continue to provide you with periodic updates on the status of your request. Once this litigation is resolved, the Agency will promptly respond to your FOIA request and provide you with your final administrative appeal rights.

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